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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Between 4:30 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. on 28 June 1953, 26 Li-2s took off from Brandis airfield heading west. There was a 7/10 overcast. At 5:30 p.m., six twin-engine planes towing cargo gliders took off in the same direction as the Li-2s. The 26 Li-2s approached from the west at about 6:30 p.m. and had landed at the field by 7:15 p.m. The six twin-engine planes towing the cargo gliders landed at 8 p.m. On 29 June, a Li-2 plane landed at the field at 11:30 a.m. and took off again about 4 p.m. Between 7 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., nine ground attack planes made local flights and dives. The field was occupied by 32 Li-2s, 36 Il-10s, 6 twin-engine planes, and 6 cargo gliders.
2. After 27 June, about 1,000 army troops with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, tanks, AT guns and AA guns were quartered in the woods southeast of the airfield.

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Comment. Brandis airfield was previously occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with Il-10s. On 19 June, 32 Li-2s and 6 twin-engine planes with cargo gliders arrived at the field. As source differentiates the Li-2s from the twin-engine planes which tow the cargo gliders it is believed that the latter planes probably are Il-12s. It is assumed that the army troops in the wooded area southeast of the airfield are connected with the arrival of the transport unit and cargo gliders. Possibly, an air landing exercise was performed. Such an exercise was observed at about the same time in the preceding year. The assignment of the army troops has not been determined. The 32 Li-2s are probably stationed only temporarily at Brandis airfield. They probably belong to the transport regiment stationed at Schoenefeld airfield.

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